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To Whom this Concerns:

I am a highly concerned Computer Science graduate who has been following the actions of Microsoft for many years. I have found nothing but greed, deceit, thievery, and blatant usage of their monopoly to ruin any and ALL innovation in the software industry. Unlike their utter lie about freedom to innovation, Microsoft's chief goal is to keep and extend their monopoly by ANY means possible. That includes buying out good companies, killing off other good companies(Ex. Netscape, Lotus, Dos-Clones, Linux, etc), or doing deals that give Microsoft their own upper hand. If you allow them to continue their actions, one day the computer industry will come to a standstill and the US economy WILL suffer. It's already very disgusting that a company can get away with 100% profit margins without running into many legal problems. It's even more disgusting that Microsoft has named our last best hope for survival in the form of open source as it's target of demise. Linux is one of the few last remaining hopes to let people be free to create software without a monopoly controlling what we can do. I'm also highly disturbed by Microsoft's latest action to block off games from being made on an open platform. They have acquired intellectual property of SGI that could be used to prevent OpenGL from being used or supported. It seems to be another attempt to force every game developer in the world to use ONLY microsoft products. I remember capitalism being about competition, the word competition is the opposite of anything happening in the influence of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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